

Elections Statistics: Finding the Proper Balance FAQ

When an election day registration filled out for a name change or address change, when entered under EDR and click on update, why does it create a duplicate registration?

If you are updating an existing voter record, a duplicate voter record should not be created. If you are seeing a second registration record after choosing update, it is possible the voter had a duplicate registration elsewhere and the update triggered the creation of Duplicate Reg List Alert. If you choose a MyVote Pending application, this will create a new voter record and a Reg List Alert will be created overnight to merge the existing and new voter records.

Should EDR's be done before the poll book?

When to enter EDRs is purely a matter of personal preference. While some municipalities will enter EDRs first, others will record participation for poll book voters first. There is no right or wrong way in this instance, and you are not required to enter them in the same order for every election – if you find an order that works best for your circumstances, you're free to use it.

What is the ETA for the canvass to be completed? Am I understanding that the canvassing we will be waiting for is done at WEC?

We do not have a firm date for when the election results will be certified by the Commission, but we anticipate they will be loaded into WisVote no later than the end of April. The upload will take place in the days following the Commission's certification of all County Canvass results.

How many days after the Reconciliation is complete can we Close the Election?

Ideally, you can close the election once all reporting units are listed as **Complete**. Because the **Total Votes (Canvass)** field will not be loaded until after the results are certified by the Commission, you can also close the election **IF** all other numbers are reconciled and the Canvass total is the only reason a reporting unit is not listed as **Complete**. If you do close your election before the Canvass totals are loaded, remember to check back after the numbers are entered to make sure there were no issues.

Is a name change or address change an EDR?

Yes. If the voter fills out registration paperwork at a polling location, they are considered to be an Election Day registrant. It is also correct for voters who have moved or had a name change to re-register before casting a ballot.

I have an EDR who voted provisional. How do I unrecord the vote if the provisional was rejected?

There are two ways to remove an EDR participation – in the poll book directly or in the voter record. The simplest method involves going to the EDR section of a poll book and scrolling through the list of EDRs until you reach the page with the voter you want to remove participation from. If you hover over the EDR line, a trash can icon will appear to the far right. Slide your cursor over the icon and click (if you move your cursor off the record line, the icon will disappear, but you can roll your cursor over the line again where the icon would appear). You will receive a pop-up asking to confirm removal of the participation – click OK. The participation will be removed.

The process in a voter record is very similar, only you would begin by opening the Election Participation tab. The record would be removed in the same manner – hovering and clicking the trash can icon.

When using either method, confirm you have chosen the correct participation line before accepting the deletion. If you remove a previous election participation from a voter record, we may not be able to restore it.

Do we not change the voter count to include our provisional ballots that are counted?

Unless the provisional ballot was completed and counted on Election Day, you should not adjust your Inspectors' Statement numbers. The voter and ballot count information from entered in WisVote should reflect what was listed on the Inspectors' Statement from Election Day; with exceptions for math errors and typos. The Election Reconciliation form is designed to add any counted provisional ballots to the voter and ballot numbers. If you have a provisional that was cured on Election Day, you should add a comment to the voter section indicating this.

Do we add a vote in the poll book in WisVote for a Provisional ballot that is counted?

Yes. If the voter also registered on Election Day, the EDR participation would be left in place. If the voter did not register, and already appears in the poll book, record the vote like normal when the Provisional Ballot is cured.

How do you enter an EDR for a provisional without a WI License or State ID number?

You would want to wait until after the Provisional Ballot deadline before potentially entering these types of EDRs. The Provisional Ballot tracking can and should still be entered on Election Night (provisional tracking does not require a voter record link). If the voter does not cure their registration and ballot by providing a license or State ID number, it is considered an incomplete registration and should not be entered into WisVote – as an EDR or otherwise. The issuance of a

provisional ballot makes this circumstance different from other incomplete EDR situations. In other incomplete EDR cases, the EDR must still be created to record the cast ballot and because the registration was accepted at the polling place. The registration is left in an incomplete status afterwards and the voter must re-register. When the voter has not provided a license or state ID number, that registration paperwork was not accepted and remains incomplete unless and until the voter provides the required information.

How do I input an absentee ballot that came in late?

Late ballots should be recorded as **Deactivate/Cancelled – Ballot Returned After Deadline**. Do not mark a late ballot as Returned with a post-election date, ballots marked in this manner will be included in the **Absentees Returned** field of the Election Reconciliation form.

When can we start the reconciliation?

You can start reconciling your election in WisVote as soon as all participations, EDRs, and absentee ballots have been entered. The Inspectors' Statement is generally available in WisVote on Election Night and can be entered right away should you choose. The Reconciliation Form will begin populating information overnight after an election, once any election information is entered (returned ballots, election participation, etc.)